(b) In 1994 Warden at IASRI student hostel was appointed by the competent authority after considering the necessary parameters by a duly constituted Committee which was subsequently approved by the ICAR for a period of five years by keeping in view the tenure of Wardens in other ICAR deemed Universities.

(c) There is no such proposal.

(d) The residential accommodation provided to Warden is rent free as per ICAR's guidelines.

Cost of Cash Crops

1527. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to ease land ceiling laws for cash crops like jute, cotton, cashew and sugar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government plan to reduce the cost of cash crops in view of the liberalised situation in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no proposal with the Government to ease land ceiling laws for cash crops like jute, cotton, cashew and sugar.

(c) The Government is implementing schemes/programmes like (i) Special Jute Development Programme (ii) Intensive Cotton Development Programme (iii) Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System and (iv) Centrally Sponsored Integrated Development Programme of Cashew through which financial assistance/Incentives are provided for inputs like: seeds and planting material and equipments etc. Chemical fertilisers like: Urea, DAP and MOP are already subsidised.

Commercialisation of Agriculture Production

1528. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that commercialisation of agriculture production including agro-processing through private sector participation, can enhance the income of farmers;

(b) if so, measures taken in this direction; and

(c) the results achieved, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The National Agriculture Policy, which is in final stage of drafting, seeks to promote a demand-driven growth of agriculture, responding to the needs of domestic and world markets with a focus on development of supportive infrastructure, including agro-processing units in the producing areas.

Fishing Harbours

1529. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI K. M. SAIFULLAH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up fresh fishing harbours;

(b) if so, the details of locations thereof;

(c) the target for completion of the harbours; and

(d) the amount to be spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Based on the recommendations of the Central Institute of Coastal Engineering for Fishery, Bangalore the Government of India propose to develop 13 fishing harbours during the Ninth Five Year Plan. A State/Union Territory-wise list of proposed sites is enclosed. (*see* below)

(d) The tentatively estimated cost of the proposed fishing harbours is Rs. 223.81 crores.

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